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World Peace Council Replaces Cominform

By EDWARD CHANKSHAW

LONDON

THE fourth anniversary of the foundation of the Cominform was marked by no celebrations. Indeed, since its first inauguration under Zhdanov, as a direct counterblast to the Marshall Plan, the Cominform has such received progressively diminishing publicity in the Soviet Union and the satellite countries. So much so, that since Zhdanov's sudden death, no successor has been formally named. Technically, Milenkov is now the senior Soviet delegate to the Cominform; but since Zhdanov's death he has not publicly associated himself with it in any way. This fact alone is indication of the Cominform's reduced importance. Its running lately has been in the hands of Mikhail Suslov, editor in chief of "Pravda", and one of the next on the list for the Politburo if he is not a candidate member already.

But the spirit behind the Cominform continues, and it has a fully fledged successor, heavily but not effectively disguised in the World Peace Council.

Of the original nine member countries of the Cominform one, Yugoslavia (the original headquarters) has broken away; two, France and Italy, have remained outside the Soviet orbit, while the remaining six, East European satellites are still bound to Moscow.

The first objective of the Cominform was to prevent the Marshall Plan from succeeding in Western Europe. This task, indicated in the Warsaw manifesto, has failed, and U.S. aid, at least for the time being, has put Western Europe beyond the reach of Communism. Recognizing this, Moscow changed its plans and put all the energies and resources earmarked for the Cominform into the World Peace Council. It is now widely realized that the W.P.C. is Moscow-inspired; but it is even now not generally understood that for the Kremlin it is a political instrument possessing all the attributes of the old Cominform as well as advantages denied any organization bearing a political label. As far as Eastern Europe is concerned, the power of the Communist police and integration of satellite and Soviet economies makes the Cominform superfluous.

Still, emotions play their part in elections, and people vote not only for, but also against, parties. Labour's defeat, by however narrow a margin, can be attributed, in part at least, to increasing hardships at home and to miscalculation of the situation in the Near East. While all these factors did not affect the solid mass of the Labour vote which remained fully intact, they account, no doubt, for the fact that much of the substantial "floating" vote and half that of the Liberals went to the Tories.

It remains to be seen how far the change-over will affect the position in this part of the world. Israel's relations with Britain have gradually improved in the course of the last few years, and there is no reason to expect a deterioration under an administration headed by so old a supporter of Zionism as Mr. Churchill. There are, pro-Arab within Labour as well as among Conservatives, but in both camps British interests come first, and from this angle, there is no reason for apprehension.

There were those who clamoured, "We want Israel!" Churchill will not disdain the comparison, but he is too good an historian and too shrewd an experienced a statesman not to realize that the age of Empire builders and gunboat politics is gone forever, that democratic socialism has come to stay, and that his majority is not large enough by far as to warrant radical measures at home or abroad. The electioneering slogan, "Who shall have the finger on the trigger, Atlee or Churchill?" has been answered in the latter's favour. He will now have to vindicate by his deeds the solemn statement that his main reason for remaining in public life was his desire to prevent another world war.

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ill has taken over functions of the old Cominform can be found in a recent "Pravda" article by Pierre Cot, one-time French Minister for Air. In his analysis of the tasks which confront the peace movement, M. Cot uses terms indistinguishable from those used by Lenin and Stalin in their analysis of the tasks confronting the Communist Party. All that has to be done is to substitute the words "peace" and "war-monger" for Bolshevism and capitalist imperialism and M. Cot's article would serve as a handbook on revolutionary tactics in the best Lenin tradition.

What is interesting about this particular effort is the indication that the World Peace Council is preparing for what amounts to a new Popular Front approach by working together with pacifists or "neutralists" wherever they may be found instead of condemning all those who do not go the whole way with the W.P.C. as wanting. The object of all this is "to make best use of the contradictions amongst the various elements in the war camp, to impede accord between them, and so to paralyse the aggressive war machine."

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United Nations Issue Own Stamps



These United Nations postage stamps, appearing this week and will be used in all mail sent from U.N. Headquarters, under a recent agreement between U.N. and the United States. U.N. will issue its own postage stamps and will establish a United Nations Post Office to replace the U.N. Post Office now in operation at U.N. Headquarters in New York. Ordinary stamps will be issued in 12 denominations. The airmail series will be issued in 4 denominations.

South Africa's U.N. Problems

By An OFNS Correspondent

CAPE TOWN

DR. DONGES, South African Minister for the Interior, will have his hands full when he leads the Union's delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in Paris next month.

Three issues of great concern to South Africa are on the agenda. These are the dispute with India over the alleged mistreatment of people of Indian origin in the Union; the South-West Africa question and the draft of the international convention on human rights.

The long-drawn-out dispute between South Africa and India may have serious effects on internal Commonwealth relations if it is not settled soon. Trade between the two countries is already disrupted.

The General Assembly at its last meeting recommended round-table discussions between the Union and India and Pakistan. In the meantime, till the talks could be held, the parties were asked to refrain from taking any steps which would prejudice the success of negotiations, in particular implementation of the Union of the Group Areas Act, Dr. Malan's key apartheid measure.

Natal Indians' Future
No round-table conference was held and the Union in the meantime has put its highly controversial Act, which profoundly affects the Natal Indians' future, into operation. Dr. Donges will be called on in Paris to explain why this was done in apparent defiance of the United Nations plea.

On the question of the former mandated territory of South-West Africa, which has virtually become the Union's "Fifth Province," the Union was asked by The Hague International Court to send regular reports to the United Nations on its administration of the territory.

The Union has not acceded to this request. The United Nations set up a committee to discuss this and other questions with the Union, but it is understood that these negotiations have reached deadlock. The committee will submit a report on its discussions to the General Assembly. As regards the covenant of human rights, there are three of the 15 political and civil rights which South Africa refuses to accept in their present form. Most important of these, which materially affects the Union's whole race setup, is the right to freedom of movement and choice of domicile. Dr. Malan told the Union Parliament in May that many South African laws were in conflict with this provision and he instanced the Group Areas Act and Native pass laws.

Malan on Freedom
Dr. Malan said: "Freedom of movement in a country with a population such as ours is impossible without creating all sorts of undesirable conditions." There is considerable justification for this attitude. Only South Africans would understand what it would mean if millions of Natives in the reserves were suddenly free to move into the cities with their already formidable problems of Native living accommodation and food shortages. The clause on freedom of speech and action, which South Africa also finds unacceptable, cuts directly across the Union's new anti-Communist laws. The third clause lays down that nobody can be prosecuted for an action which was not punishable at the time it was committed. According to the Union's anti-Red laws, any person is regarded as a Communist if he professed the principles of Communism at any time in his life, even if he has since publicly rejected them.

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Prefabs Instead Of Tents in Ma'barot

By RUTH CALE

ALL over Israel, small wooden prefabs spring up to replace ma'barot tents. The prefabs are of various types, some with poured concrete floors, others with tiled floors, some with wooden roofs and others with corrugated iron ones. They have one feature in common: rain won't leak through, and the roofs will stay on firmly, even in the fiercest of winter storms. These huts are much more spacious than either tents or tin huts; they have a door which can be locked with a key, and three big windows.

At Feija, just east of Petah Tikva, the Jewish Agency is setting up 1,350 such huts, built at its own workshops at Sarafand and assembled on the spot. A quarter of the new houses are almost ready, and some of the Iraqi and Iranian immigrants, living in a huge tent ma'bara nearby, will move to their new lodgings during the first days of December. Longingly camp dwellers now stand at the seams of their camp, watching the work go on.

Sea of Mud
So sudden was the decision to erect a solid ma'bara at Feija that most of the area had already been ploughed under for winter sowing, threatening to become a vast sea of mud when heavy rain falls. Utilities are still out in the yard, a tap for every two families, as many W.C.'s and showers. The houses, 6x3 1/2 metres in size, consist of one room.

Erection of these prefabs costs the Agency IL260 (of which IL90 is foreign exchange used for the purchase abroad of the timber, corrugated iron etc.). The utilities cost another IL75 per unit.

As soon as the first lot are completed, the remaining 1,000 huts will be put up. They should be ready some time towards the end of January. In the meantime, the tents in "old" Feija are being strengthened, tops added, and double roofs fixed to avoid disaster during heavy downpours.

In other parts of the country, notably Galilee, around Haifa and in the Negev, prefabs imported in sections from Austria, Germany, Sweden and other European countries are being erected in a frantic effort to transfer tent dwellers to safe homes before the rains come in earnest.

Photo by Chasnik

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TODAY AND TOMORROW

all men between 18 and 30 years of age whose surname starts with the letter "SHIN" - "TAV"

enlist for regular service or for service in the Reserves. Order No. 5, dated August 27, 1951, has been posted on the boardings.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
MANPOWER DEPARTMENT
RECRUITING OFFICE

Readers' Letters

COURTEOUS OFFICIALS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In these days, when story follows story about the inefficiency and red tape in various government offices, where impolite, even rude behaviour towards the public seems to be the usual thing, I am pleased to relate the exact opposite.

During recent dealings with the Import Licence Dept. for machinery, located in Beit Serge, Jerusalem, I was shown nothing but politeness. I would especially like to mention the name of Mr. Flinter whom I would describe as the prototype of the helpful, courteous government official.

Yours, etc.,
A. POTOK

Haifa, October 22.

WORLD JEWRY'S HELP

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — The reported closing down of the new Jerusalem pencil factory seems to indicate lack of foresight on the part of Government that can only be described as disastrous.

I am all for sharing my food, clothes, etc., with our immigrants. Foreign currency is required for bringing them in and absorbing them. At present it cannot be spent on raw materials for making goods that are not vital. But

Yours, etc.,
T. ARNOLD

Benjamina, October 18.

DIVINE NAME

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In today's news story "Festival Ends With Dancing" your reporter, referring to the Lord's name, has transliterated the Hebrew Divine Name. I trust you will not view a protest against breaking the tradition of not spelling nor pronouncing that Name as an attempt at religious dictatorship.

Yours etc.,
DR. GAD BEN-AMMI
SARFATH

Jerusalem, October 23.

(Any offence caused by the publication of the sacred tetragrammaton is regretted. — Ed. J.P.)

PRO-AUSTRIAN FILM

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — I think I voice the opinion of many when I protest against the showing of "4 in a Jeep" in this country, as well as the participation in this film of one of our outstanding actors.

This picture portrays the sufferings of "poor" Austrians at the hands of the occupation forces. Are we supposed to pity those Austrians who participated willingly with the Germans in the extinction of European Jewry?

Have we already forgotten? Or did Joseph Yadin never hear of this?

Yours, etc.,
CINEMA GOER

(Name and address supplied)
Haifa, October 21.

MUSICAL DIARY

SIMCHE Schwartz

Parisian Yiddish puppet theatre, presented at the YMCA, on Monday evening, made a most suitable Simhat Torah presentation, not only for children but also for that "riper youth" which gave the production its enthusiastic approval. These are not string marionettes but small hand puppets, which operate on a glove-principle. In the amusing "David and Goliath," there was something evocative of Disney, while Goliath bore amazing resemblance to a sort of King Kong. It was followed by an enchanting production of Bella Chagall's village idyll... like a recreation of Shalom Aleichem's "Kasparek". The fascinating decors and costumes were inspired by Marc Chagall's illustrations, including a Pissarro Leaning Tower and cottages rising to the surface from a box of toys. The music reminded one of a musical box, with the Hassidic Simhat Torah dance-bachanals as a climax. It was well worth the three months that Jerusalemites had to wait since the Tel Aviv premiere. The music was by Simche and Ruth Schwartz.

De Montmartre Au Quartier Latin
"Paris, 1951," presented by "Parnassus" at the Edison on Tuesday, made refreshing and good entertainment. Maxim Herman Raft, as master of ceremonies, gave five impersonations of Hollywood stars, and punctuated the proceedings with an hilarious non-stop flow of puns in Yiddish, French and English. We were less pleased by another artist whose take-off of Maurice

Chevalier managed to be both colourful and dull. William Wallace sang spirituals with true lyric quality. The 15 minutes of "Chamber Music," a parody by Les Chesterfield, were side-splitting—an altogether first rate sample of comedy d'elarte. The high point of the revue was the performance by Dusee Renée Lebas. Her voice reminded us of Marlene Dietrich plus that certain something which spells Paris. This artist has an unusual stage presence. She played on her audience as on an instrument over which she had complete control.

We were thrown into nostalgic reverie by tender chansons by Paul Mirakhi and Jacques Prevette Kozma. Lebas' main charm, her gracefulness and delicacy. Since Lucienne Boyer's debut, we have not fallen under such a spell.

FRANCO

The Israel baritone, Paolo Gorin, had a remarkable success at the Amsterdam "Stadsschouwburg" as "Rigoletto" and as "Scarpia" in "Tosca."

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New Subscription Series
The I.P.O. inaugurated a new series of subscription concerts with Karl Rankl conducting Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and Misha Elman playing the Tchaikowsky Violin Concerto. Neither work got a really satisfactory reading. The interpretation of the violinist was uneven in tone quality and technical control; while the orchestra seemed not to take the second movement too seriously. The performance of the Beethoven lacked refinement. The evening was introduced with a Mendelssohn overture, "The Merry Melusine," a work of no great importance.

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DEFENCE SERVICE ORDINANCE, 1949

Order to report for Registration and Medical Examination for service in the regular forces.

In virtue of the power vested in me in accordance with paras. 4(A), 5(A) and 6(A) of the Defence Service Law, 1949 (1), I hereby order as follows:

1. In this Order
"Eligible for Regular Service" means — a man permanently resident in this country born between September 31, 1933, and March 14, 1934, inclusive.

2. Every person eligible for regular service is ordered to report for registration and medical examination in order to determine his health category, for Regular Service, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on the date mentioned in Table B, facing the first letter of his surname.

3. Every person eligible for service who reported in accordance with Para 2 and was found fit for defence service is hereby ordered to report for regular service at the place and time appointed in Para 2.

4. This order will be called "Order for Defence Service." (Call up for Registration, Medical Examination, and regular Service (No. 1), 1951.

TABLE A

1. Jerusalem Recruiting Office, Darouti Building, near Barclays Bank.

2. Tel Aviv-Jaffa Recruiting Office, 7 Rehov Boustros, Jaffa.

3. Ramat Gan Recruiting Office, Rehov Arlosoroff, corner Rehov Hahashmonaim.

4. Hadera Recruiting Office, Kupat Holim Lane, near General Labour Exchange.

5. Haifa Recruiting Office, 32 Rehov Mukhlila.

6. Affuleh Recruiting Office, Rehov Yehoshua, opp. Solai Boneh.

7. Tiberias Recruiting Office, Kiryat Shmuel.

8. Rehovot Recruiting Office, Rehov Batia Makov.

DEFENCE SERVICE ORDINANCE, 1949

Order to report for Registration and Medical Examination for service in the regular forces.

In virtue of the power vested in me in accordance with paras. 4(A), 5(A) and 6(A) of the Defence Service Law, 1949 (1), I hereby order as follows:

1. In this Order
"Eligible for Regular Service" means — a woman permanently resident in this country, born between September 31, 1933, and March 14, 1934, inclusive, excepting a married woman, a mother, who is fit for service and has not yet served in the Israel Defence Army.

2. Every person eligible for regular service is ordered to report for registration and medical examination for regular service at one of the places mentioned in Column B of Table A, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on the date mentioned in Table B, facing the first letter of her surname.

3. (a) Every person eligible for service reporting as ordered in Para 2 and found fit for defence service, is hereby ordered to report for Regular Service at the time and place fixed in Para 2, or Reserves as directed by the recruiting officer, at the place and time indicated at the time of registration.

4. This order will be called "Order for Defence Service." (Call up for Registration, Medical Examination, and Regular Service (No. 2), 1951.

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